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**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a communication network, especially a packet-switched communication network, provided with communication components having client and server functionalities. The client functionalities of the communication components have search functions for determining the current addresses of the communication components of the communication network which enable the server functionalities thereof to be used. A plurality of communication components have both client and server functionalities. Information relating to the intrinsic server functionalities can be directly retrieved by means of client functionalities of other communication components and can be directly used.

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